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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) A surgical method for laparoscopically implanting at least two spinal fusion implants into a disk space separating a first vertebra and a second vertebra for stabilization of the spine, said method comprising:

- (a) placing a cannula for accessing the spine and passing implantation tools through the cannula in alignment with a first location at said disk space;
- (b) selecting a distraction spacer having a rigid body with diametrically opposite surfaces separated by a distance corresponding to a desired distraction of said vertebrae;
- (c) passing said distraction spacer through said cannula to said first location;
- (d) distracting said disk space by urging said distraction spacer completely into said disk space at said first location from said cannula;
- (e) placing said cannula in alignment with a second location at said disk space after steps (a) through (d);
- (f) passing a first of said implants through said cannula to said second location;
- (g) inserting said first implant into said second location;
- (h) placing said cannula at said first location after steps (e) through (g);
- (i) removing said spacer through said cannula;
- (j) passing a second of said implants through said cannula to said first location; and
- (k) inserting said second implant into said first location.

25-42. (Canceled).